1   CLAIM LISTING

2   1-23   Canceled

3   24.   (Previously Presented) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more

4   gaming machines, the gaming method comprising the steps of:

5   providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for the one or more

6   gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager

7   placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second progressive jackpot being

8   funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines;

9   receiving a respective wager through one of the one or more gaming machines in the

10   gaming system;

11   displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of

12   symbols representing a gaming result;

13   paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot

14   result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount;

15   paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive

16   jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager

17   amount being larger than the first wager amount;

18   making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the

19   winning progressive jackpot result;

20   increasing the first progressive jackpot in response to receiving the respective wager; and

1   increasing the second progressive jackpot in response to receiving the respective wager,

2 wherein the increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase in the first

3 progressive jackpot.

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5   25.   Canceled

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7   26.   (Previously Presented) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more

8 gaming machines, the gaming method comprising:

9   providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for the one or more

10 gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager

11 placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second progressive jackpot being

12 funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines;

13   receiving a respective wager through one of the one or more gaming machines in the

14 gaming system;

15   displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of

16 symbols representing a gaming result;

17   paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot

18 result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount;

19   paying the first progressive jackpot and the second progressive jackpot if the gaming

20 result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second

21 wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount; and

1   making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the

2   winning progressive jackpot result.

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4   27.   Canceled

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6   28.   Canceled

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8   29.   (Previously Presented) A gaming method comprising the steps of:

9   providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming

10   system;

11   receiving a wager in the gaming system;

12   displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of

13   symbols representing a gaming result;

14   paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot

15   result and if the wager is at least a first wager amount;

16   paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive

17   jackpot result and if the wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being

18   larger than the first wager amount; and

19   the gaming system comprises a single gaming machine.

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21   30.   (Previously Presented) A gaming method comprising the steps of:

1   providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for a gaming

2   system, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager placed

3   through the gaming system and the second progressive jackpot being funded by a second

4   percentage of each wager placed through the gaming system;

5   receiving a respective wager in the gaming system;

6   displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of

7   symbols representing a gaming result;

8   paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot

9   result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount;

10   paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive

11   jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager

12   amount being larger than the first wager amount;

13   making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the

14   winning progressive jackpot result;

15   wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;

16   wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming

17   machines; and

18   wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager

19   received by any unique linked gaming machine.

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21   31.   (Previously Presented) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more

22   gaming machines, the gaming method comprising the steps of:

1   providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for the one or more

2   gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager

3   placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second progressive jackpot being

4   funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines;

5   receiving a respective wager in the gaming system;

6   displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of

7   symbols representing a gaming result;

8   paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot

9   result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount;

10   paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive

11   jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager

12   amount being larger than the first wager amount;

13   making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the

14   winning progressive jackpot result; and

15   wherein the respective wager activates a single payline through the combination of

16   symbols.

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18   32.   (Previously Presented) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more

19   gaming machines, the gaming method comprising the steps of:

20   providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for the one or more

21   gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager

1   placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second progressive jackpot being

2   funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines;

3   receiving a respective wager in the gaming system;

4   displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of

5   symbols representing a gaming result;

6   paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot

7   result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount;

8   paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive

9   jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager

10   amount being larger than the first wager amount;

11   making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the

12   winning progressive jackpot result; and

13   wherein the wager activates a plurality of paylines through the combination of symbols.

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15   33.   (Previously Presented) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more

16   gaming machines, the gaming method comprising the steps of:

17   providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for the one or more

18   gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager

19   placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second progressive jackpot being

20   funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines;

21   receiving a respective wager in the gaming system;

1   displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of

2   symbols representing a gaming result;

3   paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot

4   result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount;

5   paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive

6   jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager

7   amount being larger than the first wager amount;

8   making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the

9   winning progressive jackpot result; and

10   wherein a number of paylines activated by the second wager amount is identical to a

11   number of paylines activated by the first wager amount.

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13   34.   (Previously Presented) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more

14   gaming machines, the gaming method comprising the steps of:

15   providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for the one or more

16   gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager

17   placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second progressive jackpot being

18   funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming machines;

19   receiving a respective wager in the gaming system;

20   displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of

21   symbols representing a gaming result;

1   paying the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot

2   result and if the respective wager is at least a first wager amount;

3   paying the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive

4   jackpot result and if the respective wager is at least a second wager amount, the second wager

5   amount being larger than the first wager amount;

6   making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the

7   winning progressive jackpot result; and

8   wherein a number of paylines activated by the second wager amount is larger than a

9   number of paylines activated by the first wager amount.

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11   35-70 Canceled

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13   71.   (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

14   a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

15   a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive

16   jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first

17   percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot

18   being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

19   wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest

20   showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

1   wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a

2   winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a

3   first wager amount;

4   wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is

5   the winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector is at

6   least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

7   wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning

8   result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and

9   wherein in response to the detector receiving the respective wager, the gaming system

10   increases the first progressive jackpot and increases the second progressive jackpot, the increase

11   in the second progressive jackpot being larger than the increase in the first progressive jackpot.

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13   72.   Canceled

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15   73.   (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

16   a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

17   a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive

18   jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first

19   percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot

20   being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

21   wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest

22   showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

1   wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a

2   winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a

3   first wager amount;

4   wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning

5   result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and

6   wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot and the second progressive

7   jackpot if the gaming result is the winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager

8   is at least a second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager

9   amount.

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11   74.   (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

12   a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

13   a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive

14   jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first

15   percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot

16   being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

17   wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest

18   showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

19   wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a

20   winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a

21   first wager amount;

1   wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the

2   winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a

3   second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

4   wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning

5   result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result;

6   wherein the gaming machine resets the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined

7   reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resets the second progressive jackpot

8   to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and

9   wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

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11   75.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 74, wherein the second predetermined reset

12   amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

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14   76.   Canceled

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16   77.   (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

17   a plurality of linked gaming machines, each linked gaming machine comprising a

18   respective wager detector;

19   a first progressive jackpot associated with the plurality of linked gaming machines and a

20   second progressive jackpot associated with the plurality of linked gaming machines, the first

21   progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each wager placed through the gaming

1   system and the second progressive jackpot being funded by a second percentage of each wager

2   placed through the gaming system;

3   wherein a respective one of the gaming machines displays a number of rotating elements

4   which come to rest showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

5   wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a

6   winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector of the

7   respective one of the gaming machines is at least a first wager amount;

8   wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the

9   winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector of the

10 respective one of the gaming machines is at least a second wager amount, the second wager

11 amount being larger than the first wager amount;

12   wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming

13 machines; and

14   wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a

15 respective wager received by any respective one of the linked gaming machines.

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17 78.   (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

18   a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

19   a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive

20 jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first

21 percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot

22 being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

1   wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest

2   showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

3   wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a

4   winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a

5   first wager amount;

6   wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the

7   winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a

8   second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

9   wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning

10   result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and

11   wherein the respective wager activates a single payline for the gaming machine.

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13   79.   (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

14   a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

15   a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive

16   jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first

17   percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot

18   being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

19   wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest

20   showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

1   wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a

2   winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a

3   first wager amount;

4   wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the

5   winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a

6   second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

7   wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning

8   result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and

9   wherein the respective wager activates a plurality of paylines for the gaming machine.

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11   80.   (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

12   a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

13   a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive

14   jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first

15   percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot

16   being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

17   wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest

18   showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

19   wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a

20   winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a

21   first wager amount;

1   wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the

2   winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a

3   second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

4   wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning

5   result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and

6   wherein a number of paylines activated by the second wager amount is identical to a

7   number of paylines activated by the first wager amount.

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9   81.   (Previously Presented) A gaming system comprising:

10   a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

11   a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive

12   jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first

13   percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot

14   being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

15   wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest

16   showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

17   wherein the gaming system pays the first progressive jackpot if the gaming result is a

18   winning progressive jackpot result and if a respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a

19   first wager amount;

20   wherein the gaming system pays the second progressive jackpot if the gaming result is the

21   winning progressive jackpot result and if the respective wager sensed by the detector is at least a

22   second wager amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount;

1   wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning

2   result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result; and

3   wherein a number of paylines activated by the second wager amount is larger than a

4   number of paylines activated by the first wager amount.

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6   82.   (Currently Amended) A gaming system comprising:

7   a gaming machine comprising a wager detector;

8   a first progressive jackpot associated with the gaming machine and a second progressive

9   jackpot associated with the gaming machine, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first

10   percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine and the second progressive jackpot

11   being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the gaming machine;

12   wherein the gaming machine displays a number of rotating elements which come to rest

13   showing a combination of symbols representing a gaming result;

14   wherein <ins>if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result,</ins> the gaming system

15   pays the largest of either the first progressive jackpot or the second progressive jackpot ~~if the~~

16   ~~gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result~~; and

17   wherein the gaming system makes a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning

18   result which is not the winning progressive jackpot result.

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20   83.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein in response to the detector

21   receiving a wager, the gaming system increases the first progressive jackpot and increases the

1   second progressive jackpot, wherein the increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than

2   the increase in the first progressive jackpot.

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4   84.   Canceled

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6   85.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82:

7   wherein the gaming system resets the first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined

8   reset amount after paying the first progressive jackpot, and resets the second progressive jackpot

9   to a second predetermined reset amount after paying the second progressive jackpot; and

10   wherein the first and the second predetermined reset amounts are larger than zero.

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12   86.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 85, wherein the second predetermined reset

13   amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

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15   87.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein the gaming system comprises a

16   single gaming machine.

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18   88.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82:

19   wherein the gaming system comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;

20   wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming

21   machines; and

1   wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager

2   received by any unique linked gaming machine.

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4   89.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a wager sensed by the detector

5   activates a single payline for the gaming machine.

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7   90.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a wager sensed by the detector

8   activates a plurality of paylines for the gaming machine.

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10   91.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a number of paylines activated

11   by a second wager amount is identical to a number of paylines activated by a first wager amount,

12   the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

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14   92.   (Previously Presented) The system of claim 82, wherein a number of paylines activated

15   by a second wager amount is larger than a number of paylines activated by a first wager amount,

16   the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

17

18   93.   (Currently Amended) A gaming method for a gaming system comprising one or more

19   gaming machines, the method comprising the steps of:

20   providing a first progressive jackpot and a second progressive jackpot for, the one or

21   more gaming machines, the first progressive jackpot being funded by a first percentage of each

22   wager placed through the one or more gaming machines and the second progressive jackpot

1   being funded by a second percentage of each wager placed through the one or more gaming

2   machines;

3   receiving a respective wager in the gaming system;

4   displaying a number of rotating elements which come to rest showing a combination of

5   symbols representing a gaming result;

6   <u>if the gaming result is a winning progressive jackpot result,</u> paying the largest of either

7   the first progressive jackpot or the second progressive jackpot ~~if the gaming result is a winning~~

8   ~~progressive jackpot result~~; and

9   making a monetary payout if the gaming result is a winning result which is not the

10   winning progressive jackpot result.

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12   94.   (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93 further comprising the steps of:

13   increasing the first progressive jackpot in response to receiving the respective wager; and

14   increasing the second progressive jackpot in response to receiving the respective wager,

15   wherein the increase in the second progressive jackpot is larger than the increase in the first

16   progressive jackpot.

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18   95.   Canceled

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20   96.   (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, further comprising resetting the

21   first progressive jackpot to a first predetermined reset amount after paying the first progressive

22   jackpot, and resetting the second progressive jackpot to a second predetermined reset amount

1   after paying the second progressive jackpot; wherein the first and the second predetermined reset

2   amounts are larger than zero.

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4   97.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 96, wherein the second predetermined reset

5   amount is larger than the first predetermined reset amount.

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7   98.   (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein the gaming system

8   comprises a single gaming machine.

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10   99.   (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93 wherein the gaming system

11   comprises a plurality of linked gaming machines;

12   wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are common to all linked gaming

13   machines; and

14   wherein the first and the second progressive jackpots are increased in response to a wager

15   received by any unique linked gaming machine.

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17   100.   (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein the respective wager

18   activates a single payline for a gaming machine.

19

20   101.   (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein the respective wager

21   activates a plurality of paylines for the gaming machine.

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1   102.   (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein a number of paylines

2   activated by a second wager amount is identical to a number of paylines activated by a first wager

3   amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.

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5   103.   (Previously Presented) The gaming method of claim 93, wherein a number of paylines

6   activated by a second wager amount is larger than a number of paylines activated by a first wager

7   amount, the second wager amount being larger than the first wager amount.